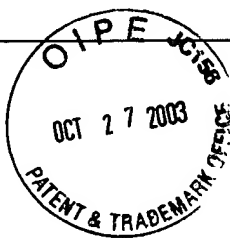


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CLAIMS

FOR	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest # of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	RATE	FEE
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Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$86.00	\$ 0.00
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.